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Claims 3, 4 and 8-40 are pending in this application.

Nakagawa and Kasatkin

Claims 3, 4, and 8-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by any of **Nakagawa et al.** and **Kasatkin et al.**

Applicant respectfully traverses each of the rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits that these references are not prior art to the present invention. The publication date of Nakagawa is May 1, 1995 and the publication date of Kasatkin is August 21, 1995, whereas the instant priority document JP 7-79685 has a filing date of March 10, 1995.

As evidence that the present invention was fully described and enabled in the instant priority document so as to satisfy the requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph, Applicants enclose herewith a verified English translation of JP 7-79685. Accordingly, these references are not prior art to the present invention, and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

C O N C L U S I O N

In view of the above-remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as presently amended, are patentable. A Notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen (Reg. No.43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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